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PROTEINS AND INHIBITORS OF LIGAND BINDING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the application, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment. Amendments to the specification are shown beginning on page 2. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

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